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Applicant(s) : Derek L. Stemple, *et al.*
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Docket No. : 18921-001 NATL
Customer No. : 35437
For : **METHOD FOR DIRECT NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING**

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the September 10, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before March 10, 2005. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 18921-001 NATL, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Date: March 10, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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